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Director of Naval Intelligence

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Washington 25, D. C.

From:

John Edgar Hoover - Director - FBI

Subject:

MARTIN J. SUMMERFIELD

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Reference is made to your request dated August 30, 1949 for a check of the files of this Bureau concerning captioned subject. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent Philip J. Reilly dated May 16, 1949 at Los Angeles entitled "Martin J. Summerfield" which was furnished your office and those organizations receiving a copy of this letter on June 8, 1949.

Summerfield, since the date of the above report, has been reported as closely associated with Frank J. Malina, who reportedly is stationed as an official of UNESCO at Paris, France. From June 6, 1949 to June 22, 1949 Malina visited the United States and was reliably reported in contact with Summerfield on several occasions. The former Communist Party membership of Malina was furnished you in connection with the above report.

On May 20, 1949 an informant, who is considered reliable, advised this Bureau that David Altman of 129 North Oxford Street, Los Angeles, had given Summerfield's name as a reference in an application with the Socony Vacques Oil Company of New York City. Altman was reportedly the former head of the Chemistry Section of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology and was released recently for security reasons. It was understood by the informant that Altman intended to appeal the decision of Army authorities regarding his clearance to a review board in Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security & Training Group

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Special Agent E. S. Sanders telephonically contacted Navy on September 2, 1949 and was advised by them that they had no objection to the dissemination of the information concerning Summerfield through IDA or the Air Forces. They advised that they were working in close conjunction with the Air Forces who were aware of all developments in this case.